

# Senate Study Bill 3079

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the use of headlights when a vehicle's  
2 windshield wipers are in use and making a penalty applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 6415SK 81  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.384, Code 2005, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 321.384 WHEN LIGHTED LAMPS REQUIRED.  
1 4 1. ~~Every~~ A motor vehicle operated upon a highway within  
~~1 5 the state, shall display lighted head lamps as provided in~~  
~~1 6 section 321.415~~ at any time from sunset to sunrise, at any  
~~1 7 time the motor vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous~~  
~~1 8 operation,~~ and at such other times when conditions such as  
1 9 fog, snow, sleet, or rain provide insufficient lighting to  
1 10 render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway  
1 11 at a distance of five hundred feet ahead, ~~shall display~~  
~~1 12 lighted head lamps as provided in section 321.415,~~ subject to  
1 13 exceptions under this chapter with respect to parked vehicles  
1 14 ~~as hereinafter stated.~~  
1 15 2. ~~Whenever~~ A requirement ~~is hereinafter declared as to~~  
1 16 regarding the distance from which certain lamps and devices  
1 17 shall render objects visible or within which such lamps or  
1 18 devices shall be visible, ~~said provisions~~ shall apply during  
1 19 the times stated in subsection 1 ~~of this section upon~~ on a  
1 20 straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric  
1 21 conditions unless a different time or condition is expressly  
1 22 stated.

### EXPLANATION

1 23  
1 24 This bill amends Code section 321.384 by requiring a motor  
1 25 vehicle to display lighted head lamps at any time when the  
1 26 vehicle's wipers are in continuous operation. Due to current  
1 27 Code references to Code section 321.384, the bill also  
1 28 requires, where applicable, the use of certain lights on other  
1 29 types of vehicles while the vehicle's wipers are in operation.  
1 30 A violation of these provisions is a simple misdemeanor  
1 31 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20 under Code section  
1 32 805.8A.  
1 33 LSB 6415SK 81  
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